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Listing and Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A display for producing a substantially seamless combined image on a screen from at least first and second images, comprising:
 at least first and second projectors for projecting corresponding first and second images separately onto a screen, said projectors projecting said first and second images such that a portion of said first image overlaps a portion of said second image so as to define at least one seam region on said screen;
 an image processor coupled to said first and second projectors for adjusting brightness of said first and second image portions such that said seam is substantially not visible to a viewer; wherein said processor adjusts said brightness of said first and second image portions according to a quadratic relationship.
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) The display of claim 1 wherein said quadratic relationship is described by the relationship:

$$x1 = \left(0.5 \times \cos\left(\frac{\Pi \times j}{\text{overlap}}\right) + .5 \right)^{\frac{1}{\text{gamma}}}$$

and

$$x2 = \left(1 - \left(0.5 \times \cos\left(\frac{\Pi \times j}{\text{overlap}}\right) + .5 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{\text{gamma}}}$$

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$$x1 = \left(0.5 \times \cosine \left(\frac{PI \times j}{overlap} \right) + .5 \right)^{\frac{1}{gamma}} - x2 = \left(1 - \left(0.5 \times \cosine \left(\frac{PI \times j}{overlap} \right) + .5 \right)^{\frac{1}{gamma}} \right)$$

wherein $x1$ represents a pixel from said first image portion after processing, $x2$ represents a pixel from said second image portion after processing, j represents the pixel number in the seam region corresponding to the location of overlapping pixels $x1$ and $x2$, $overlap$ is the seaming area in number of pixels, and $gamma$ is related to the gamma correction of the projector.

4. (original) The display of claim 1 wherein said processor further adjusts said first and second images portions according to characteristics of said projectors.

5. (original) The display of claim 4 wherein said characteristics are selected from the group comprising: projector brightness characteristics, projector lens uniformity, image transfer function characteristics, imager gamma, display gamma.

6. (original) The display of claim 1 wherein said processor adjusts said brightness without relying on information provided by any screen image capture means.

7. (original) The display of claim 1 wherein said processor further adjusts said first and second images so as to provide gamma correction for said first and second images, wherein said processor applies a first gamma correction to portions of said images within said seam region and a second gamma correction, different from said first gamma correction, to portions of said images outside said seam region.

8. (original) The display of claim 1 wherein said processor adjusts said first image and second image portions such that said combined image is of substantially uniform brightness when displayed on said screen.

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9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A method for producing a substantially seamless combined image on a screen from at least first and second images, comprising:

providing at least first and second projectors for projecting corresponding first and second images separately onto a screen, said projectors projecting said first and second images such that at least a portion of said first image overlaps at least a portion of said second image so as to define at least one seam region on said screen;

processing said first and second image portions so as to adjust at least one characteristic of said first and second image portions in accordance with corresponding characteristics of said projectors;

projecting said adjusted first and second image portions onto said screen;

adjusting the brightness of said first and second image portions in accordance with the linearly inverse relationships:

$$x1 = \left(\left(\frac{j}{\text{overlap}} \right) \right)^{1/\gamma_{\text{gamma}}} \quad \text{and} \quad x2 = \left(\left(1 - \frac{j}{\text{overlap}} \right) \right)^{1/\gamma_{\text{gamma}}}$$

wherein x1 represents a pixel from said first image portion after processing, x2 represents a pixel from said second image portion after processing, j represents

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the pixel number in the seam region corresponding to the location of overlapping pixels x_1 and x_2 , overlap is the seaming area in number of pixels, and gamma is related to the gamma correction of the projector.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said characteristics of said

projectors are selected from the group comprising projector lens characteristics, image transfer function characteristics, display transfer function characteristics, imager gamma, display gamma.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said adjustment is determined without relying on information provided by any screen image capture means.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 further including a step of gamma correcting said displayed image by applying a first gamma correction to portions of said images within said seam region and a second gamma correction, different from said first gamma correction, to remaining portions of said displayed image.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 including wherein said processing step is carried out such that said combined image is of substantially uniform brightness when displayed on said screen.

19. (cancelled)

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23. (cancelled)